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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I buy DSL and telephone services from a competitive Internet provider, Sonic.net, who rent copper access from AT&T. I am writing in support of broadband competition in the US.

I use Sonic.net because they offer me a superior product to AT&T or cable companies. In fact, I have been more satisfied overall with DSL service though Sonic than I was with AT&T service through fiber at a prior residence in the area.

When I used AT&T through fiber, I could not rely on even the most elementary customer support. Cable companies are notorious for the same problem. I believe this poor service is typical of companies that behave like monopolies and are not exposed to competition.

Because of my reliable service through rented copper, I can work effectively from home, allowing my employer to spend less on office space, commuter shuttles, parking, and other infrastructure and making my employer more competitive.

If the FCC deregulates the use of copper and inter-city fiber by smaller companies, AT&T and similar large companies may be able to squeeze out innovative ISPs like Sonic that offer superior service. Business infrastructure around the US will be damaged by such a move, and American companies and businesses will be less competitive.

Please do not weaken American business by weakening the ability of smaller ISPs to compete with slow-moving, complacent dinosaur companies like AT&T.

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